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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, 1/

Recalling the agreement of 15 November 1965 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity as updated and signed on 9 October 1990 by the Secretaries-General of the two organizations,

Recalling also its resolutions on the enhancement of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, in particular resolutions 43/12 of 25 October 1988, 43/47 of 18 November 1988, 44/17 of 1 November 1989, 45/13 of 7 November 1990, 46/20 of 26 November 1991, 47/148 of 18 December 1992 and 48/25 of 29 November 1993,

Recalling further that in its resolutions 46/20, 47/148 and 48/25 it, inter alia, urged the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the relevant agencies of the United Nations system to extend their support for the establishment of an African economic community,

Taking note of the resolutions, decisions and declarations adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixtieth ordinary session, held at Tunis from 6 to 11 June 1994, 2/ and by the Assembly

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1/ A/49/490.

2/ A/49/313, annex I.

of Heads of State and Government of that organization at its thirtieth ordinary session, held at Tunis from 13 to 15 June 1994, 3/

Considering the important statement made by the representative of the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity before the General Assembly on 3 October 1994, 4/

Mindful of the need for continued and closer cooperation between the United Nations and its specialized agencies and the Organization of African Unity, in particular in the political, economic, social, technical, cultural and administrative fields,

Noting the establishment by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in June 1993 of a mechanism for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts in Africa, 5/

Also noting the efforts of the Organization of African Unity, and the support and assistance of the United Nations, to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes and conflicts in Africa and the harmonious continuation of the process of democratization,

Deeply concerned that, despite the policies of reform being implemented by most African countries, their economic situation remains critical and African recovery and development continue to be severely hindered by the persistence of lower level commodity prices, the heavy debt burden and the paucity of funding possibilities,

Aware of the efforts under way by the Organization of African Unity and its member States in the area of economic integration and, in particular, of the entry into force on 12 May 1994 of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community,

Deeply concerned also about the gravity of the situation of refugees and displaced persons in Africa and the urgent need for increased international assistance to help refugees and, subsequently, African countries of asylum,

Acknowledging the assistance already rendered by the international community, particularly to refugees, displaced persons and African countries of asylum,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity 1/ and of his efforts to strengthen that cooperation and to implement the relevant resolutions;

3/ Ibid., annex II.

4/ A/49/PV.15.

5/ A/48/468 and Add.1.

2. Notes with appreciation the continued and increasing participation of the Organization of African Unity in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and its constructive contribution to that work;

3. Calls upon the United Nations organs, in particular the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council, to continue to involve the Organization of African Unity closely in all their activities concerning Africa;

4. Commends the establishment by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in June 1993 of a mechanism for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts in Africa, and also commends its good functioning;

5. Also commends the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity for their ongoing cooperative activities in the resolution of conflicts in Africa, and stresses the need to enhance and strengthen the existing pattern of exchange of information and consultations, especially in the areas of preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peace-keeping operations;

6. Calls upon the United Nations to coordinate its efforts and to cooperate with the Organization of African Unity in the context of the pacific settlement of disputes and the maintenance of international peace and security in Africa, as provided for under Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations;

7. Urges the United Nations, within existing resources, and encourages its Member States to help the Organization of African Unity to strengthen its conflict resolution capacity, in particular in the areas of:

(a) Establishment of an early warning system;

(b) Conflict prevention, management and settlement of disputes;

(c) Training of staff of the Organization of African Unity and African peace-keepers;

(d) Logistical support;

8. Encourages Member States to consider ways and means of providing financial assistance to the conflict resolution activities of the Organization of African Unity;

9. Notes with appreciation the assistance provided by the United Nations and its agencies to African countries in the context of the democratization process;

10. Urges the United Nations to continue to support the Organization of African Unity in its efforts to manage a peaceful democratic transition in Africa;

11. Urges all Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental

organizations, to provide the necessary and appropriate economic, financial and technical assistance to refugees and displaced persons, as well as to African countries of asylum, taking into account recent disquieting developments in this respect;

12. Commends the continued efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote multilateral cooperation and economic integration among African States, and requests United Nations agencies to continue to support those efforts;

13. Stresses that the economic, technical and development assistance provided to Africa by the organizations of the United Nations system must continue, and emphasizes the current need for those organizations to accord priority to Africa in this field;

14. Urges the Secretary-General, Member States, regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations to extend their support to the operation of the African Economic Community and to assist in economical integration and cooperation in Africa;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to support the efforts of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity with a view to holding sectoral meetings on the priority areas of cooperation, and in particular to support those meetings organized by the Economic and Social Council of the African Economic Community;

16. Requests the agencies of the United Nations system working in Africa to include in their programmes at the national and regional levels the activities which will enhance regional cooperation in their respective areas and to facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community;

17. Calls upon United Nations agencies to intensify the coordination of their regional programmes in Africa in order to create interlinkages among them and to ensure the harmonization of their programmes with those of the African regional and subregional economic organizations;

18. Emphasizes the urgency of the need to adopt appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 6/ in particular in the areas of resource flows, debt relief and diversification of African economies;

19. Recalls the report of the Secretary-General on the need for and feasibility of the establishment of a diversification fund for Africa's commodities; 7/

6/ Resolution 46/151, annex, sect. III.

7/ A/48/335 and Add.1 and 2.

20. Calls upon the Secretary-General to work in close coordination and cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, in particular on the follow-up and effective implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

21. Recalls its resolution 48/214 of 23 December 1993, in paragraph 10 of which it invited the Secretary-General to reinforce the capabilities of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the least developed countries to follow up and promote the responses of the United Nations system and the international community to the development concerns of Africa, as expressed in the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

22. Endorses the agrement reached between the organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of African Unity on the convening of a meeting between the secretariats of those organizations, to be held in 1995 at Addis Ababa, to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the proposals and recommendations agreed upon in September 1993 on cooperation between them in 1994-1995 and to adopt new and effective joint action;

23. Calls upon the relevant organs of the United Nations to ensure the effective, fair and equitable representation of Africa at senior and policy levels at their respective headquarters and in their regional field operations;

24. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the United Nations information network continues to disseminate information so as to increase public awareness of the social and economic problems, achievements and needs of African States and of their regional and subregional institutions;

25. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of the cooperation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations of the United Nations system.